



## Nephi Recreation Master Plan- Executive Summary

\*Nephi Recreation Department Master Plan was completed in conjunction with Nephi Parks Department. Process began in 2011, and was adopted in October 2013.

### **Guiding Principles**

The Nephi City Recreation Facilities Master Plan is to:

1. give direction and offer a framework to guide future planning, design, and implementation decisions;
2. establish goals, policies, and standards to provide direction in future development of parks, trails, recreational facilities, and open space preservation;
3. determine types of service standards and identify the need for project improvements or system improvements;
4. introduce standards that will serve as a basis for calculation and assessment of parks and recreation impact fees;
5. give Nephi City the choice to accept or reject park land dedications offered by developers as a credit against impact fees based on how the project contributes to the level of service and overall park system and whether the improvement relates to the goals, policies,

### **Guiding Principles: Nephi City General Plan**

Stated in the Nephi General Plan, "Nephi is a community that values its rural-town character and lifestyle and desires to continue a quality rural environment as it plans for growth and fosters economic vitality in the future." The following are guiding principles and values stated in the general plan:

**Community Character:** Continue to strengthen the rural image of Nephi City by promoting and fostering concepts of good community design at the city, neighborhood, and individual project levels.

**Economic Sustainability:** Cultivate a sustainable economic base that will provide tax revenues, local employment opportunities, and convenient retail goods and services through the maintenance and growth of economic opportunities.

**Managed Growth:** Preserve and protect the image and character of Nephi through the planning and management of geographic and population growth.

**Health and Activity:** Foster a healthy and active community through a balanced program of physical activities for Nephi City residents. Follow a land-use and mobility pattern that encourages a healthy and active daily life.

**Society and Culture:** Cultivate a socially integrated community through a balanced program of cultural activities for Nephi City residents. Follow a land-use pattern that integrates opportunities for gathering into neighborhoods and the community at large.

**Education and Families:** Invest in the future of the community through continued support for the education of youth and adults and the strengthening of families. Develop and maintain effective relationships with family-support and educational providers.

### **City's Current Level of Service**

Nephi City currently has 35.85 acres of park space and a number of Special-use facilities i.e. basketball court, swimming pool, golf course.

Rose Garden/Veterans Memorial .37

Old Mill Park .45

Nebo Heights Park .66

Jones Well Park .25

Canyon View Park 4.22  
Pink School Park 4.57  
Nephi Pioneer Park/ Swimming Pool 4.23  
Orgill Park 6.64  
Nebo View Baseball Park/Complex 10.06  
Gun Range (considered open space) 4.4  
**Total Existing Park Acre 35.85**  
Orgill Park and Canyon View Park Trail .13  
Trail Hwy 132 .25  
Old Mill Park .12  
**Total Existing Trail .50**

### **Summary:**

- 1) The City's current level of service is: 6.7 acres of park land and .50 miles of trail per 1,000 residents.
- 2) The City has selected to set a standard of 6.7 acres of park land/facilities and open space per 1,000 populations and a .50 miles of trail per 1,000 residents.
- 3) Nephi needs to develop 2.5 miles of trail to reach existing standard of level of service.

### **City's Future Level of Service**

The standard of 6.7 acres of park land per 1,000 and .50 miles of trail per 1,000 residents will be used to determine future needs.

It should be mentioned that Nephi City has longstanding cooperative agreements with the Juab School District, Juab County, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to share facilities. These shared-use agreements have allowed the development of Nebo View Ball Complex, Orgill Ball Park, Red Cliff Basketball Gym, and the tennis courts at the high school/junior high schools campus. The agreements have been on a case-by-case basis for each location, which included sharing the costs of construction and/or maintenance. Nephi City has made it known that its commitment to shared use facilities and areas will continue into the future

### **By 2060**

The analysis to determine the estimated needs by 2060 will include:

- ☐ Additional 108 acres of park/open space land
- ☐ 10.25 miles of developed trail
- ☐ 1 Softball fields (should be owned by the City)
- ☐ 1 Soccer field (soccer currently uses outfield of existing baseball/softball fields)
- ☐ 5 Basketball courts outdoor
- ☐ 7 Tennis courts
- ☐ 4 Volleyball courts
- ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ 7 Picnic pavilions

### **Proposed Active Park Land**

To meet the goal of 6.7 acres of park/open space land per 1,000 residents, Nephi City would need to develop 108 acres of park/open space to meet the population growth projection for 2060. The following parks could meet this goal. Nephi City may choose to incorporate the following parks/facilities within the City as well as add the use of Rees's Flat as a natural open-space area.

- ☐ 1 community park at 8-20 acres
- ☐ 1 expansion of a regional park 61 acres
- ☐ 3 neighborhood parks 4- 8 acres
- ☐ 32 acres of passive/natural open space

## Table 5 Existing and Potential Future Parks, Facilities and Open Space

1. Rose Garden/Veterans Memorial Mini Park	Developed .37
2. Old Mill Park Mini Park	Developed .45
3. Nebo Heights Park Mini Park	Developed .66
4. Jones Well Park Mini Park	Developed .25
5. Canyon View Park Neighborhood Park	Developed 4.22
6. Pink School Park Neighborhood Park	Developed 4.57
7. Nephi Pioneer Park/ Swimming Pool Neighborhood Park	Developed 4.23
8. Orgill Park Neighborhood Park	Developed 6.64
9. Nebo View Baseball Park/Complex Community Park	Developed 10.06
10. Shooting Range Park	Developed 4.4
11. Possible future expansion Shooting Range Park	Undeveloped 35.6
12. # 1 Park and alternatives Neighborhood Park	Undeveloped 8 (min)
13. # 2 Park and alternatives Neighborhood Park	Undeveloped 8 (min)
14. # 3 Park and alternatives Neighborhood Park	Undeveloped 4-8 (min)
15. # 4 Park and alternatives Community Park	Undeveloped 8-20 (min)

## Future Open Space Opportunities

1. Rees's Flat. This land is owned by the City and is approximately 4 miles east of Nephi Large Regional Park/Open Space Natural/Undeveloped 680 Acres
2. North Flood Control Dam Open Space Natural Undeveloped
3. Settling pond on Salt Creek east of town Open Space Natural Undeveloped
4. Vacant property along S.R. 132 in Salt Creek Canyon, Open Space Natural/Undeveloped
5. Vacant property on the west side of the valley near the landfill. Open Space Natural/Undeveloped

## Timing for Future Planned Parks, Trails, and Open Space

- There is no set time recommendation made on the development of park/open space land, and trails. However, the future needs listed for the existing parks and facilities should be considered as priorities when developing future budgets or making grant applications.
- Along with this, City officials and City staff could consider the development of a City owned baseball/softball complex in the near future in order to eliminate the City's current dependency on the shared school district and church owned fields. Planning for and being prepared to have a completely City owned complex could be considered as one of the goals and priorities of this plan.
- As the population increases over the next 20 years, opportunities for affordable land, donated land, or grants should be considered to lessen the burden of land and development cost in the future.
- As development comes to the community, the list of future parks, trails, and facilities that have been planned for can be evaluated and updated based on the timing and pace of growth, allowing for the needs and goals of the plan to be satisfied

## Goal Philosophy

The goals, strategies, and actions reflect the priorities set forth by the Community Coordination Team, Planning Commission, and City Council. One of the key goals listed in this plan is that priorities for parks, facilities, trails, and open space should be reviewed bi-annually to insure the goals are in line with the current objectives of the community. Additionally, since the priorities of planned goals will shift over time, and new goals may need to be set, the plan itself should experience a comprehensive review and update at least every five years

## Funding & Budget Goals:

1. Obtain funding from as many outside sources as possible. Investigate funding sources 0-5 years.
2. Prepare annual budget to address priority projects. Annually hold a work meeting to determine the needs, priorities, goals, and budget for parks, trails, and open-space projects.

## 2016 Additions:

- 1) Add Disc Golf-9 holes
- 2) Skate Park Design Plan
- 3) Review future potential Regional Sports Park